STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Education Assets Board (Transfers under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992) Regulations 1992

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 61(1) and 89(4) of, and paragraphs 3(1)(b) and (4), 4(2) and (3) and 5 of Schedule 5 to, the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(1), the Secretary of State for Education, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education Assets Board (Transfers under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 19th October 1992.

- (2) In these Regulations—
 - (a) "the Board" means the Education Assets Board;
 - (b) "the Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State for Education or the Secretary of State for Wales as the case may be; and
 - (c) a reference to a Schedule is a reference to a Schedule to the Further and Higher Education Act 1992.

Prescribed Period

2. The period referred to in paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 5 that must elapse before the Board can give a direction under that paragraph determining a particular matter is a period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the Board notify the transferor in writing for the purposes of these Regulations that agreement on that matter between the transferor and the Board is required to be reached under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 5.

(**1**) 1992 c. 13.

Directions by the Board

3.—(1) The Board shall, before giving a direction under paragraph 3 of Schedule 5, give the transferor and the transferee written notice specifying a date, at least two months after the date of the notice, by which written representations and supporting documents must be submitted to the Board.

(2) The transferor and the transferee shall each send to the other copies of any written representations and supporting documents which they submit to the Board at the same time as that submission.

(3) The Board shall not give a direction under paragraph 3 of Schedule 5 before they have considered any written representations and supporting documents submitted by the date specified in accordance with paragraph (1) above and they may give such a direction taking into account only written representations and supporting documents which have been so submitted.

(4) The Board may proceed to a determination, after giving the transferor and transferee written notice of their intention to do so, notwithstanding that no written representations have been made by the date specified in paragraph (1) above, if it appears to the Board that they have sufficient material before them to make a determination.

Appeals to the Secretary of State

4.—(1) If the transferor or transferee wish to appeal to the Secretary of State under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 against a determination of the Board, they shall do so by sending a notice in writing to the Secretary of State stating that they wish to appeal and setting out the reasons for the appeal.

(2) The appellant shall at the same time send a copy of any notice to the Board and to the respondent.

(3) The notice of appeal must be received by the Secretary of State for Education at the Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BT or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State for Wales at the Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ within six weeks of the date of the determination appealed against.

(4) The Secretary of State may determine an appeal that has been made out of time.

(5) The Board shall send to the Secretary of State within one month of receipt of a copy of the notice of appeal from the appellant, a copy of their determination, the written representations made by the transferor and the transferee and any supporting documents together with any written representations which they wish to make regarding the appeal. If the Board make any written representations they shall send a copy to the appellant and to the respondent within that same period of time.

(6) The respondent shall send to the Secretary of State, the Board and the appellant within one month of receipt of a copy of the notice of appeal from the appellant any written representations which they wish to make regarding the appeal.

(7) The Secretary of State shall not take any step under paragraph 4(4) of Schedule 5 before he has considered any written representations submitted by the appellant, the respondent and the Board, together with the copy documents submitted by the Board, within the time limit specified in paragraphs (3), (5) and (6) above, and he may proceed to a determination taking into account only written representations and supporting documents which have been so submitted.

(8) The Secretary of State may by notice in writing request the appellant, the respondent and the Board, or any of them, to submit such additional information regarding the matter which is the subject of the appeal as he considers appropriate.

(9) The Secretary of State may proceed to a determination, after giving the appellant and the respondent written notice of his intention to do so, notwithstanding that no written representations have been made within the specified time limits, if it appears to him that he has sufficient material before him to make a determination.

24th September 1992

John Patten Secretary of State for Education

24th September 1992

Wyn Roberts Minister of State, Welsh Office

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Schedule 5 to the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 provide for a method of dealing with those cases where the Education Assets Board and the transferor local authority are unable to agree on matters relating to the transfer of property, rights and liabilities to further education corporations and to designated institutions under sections 23 and 32 of that Act.

These Regulations prescribe the following matters for the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4-

- (a) a period of time in which agreement must be reached for the purposes of paragraphs 3(1)(b);
- (b) the procedure for giving directions under paragraph 3;
- (c) the procedure for making appeals under paragraph 4; and
- (d) the procedure for making determinations under paragraphs 3 and 4.